

RAJMARK 10923

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Raymark Bulletin #17

Cap Construction Begins

Despite recent weather delays, approximately 7 acres (out of 37 acres) of cap liner materials have been placed. This includes the bottom layers of the cap - gas vent sand, synthetic clay and flexible membrane liners, and the drainage layer (see attached graphic). Liner installation is scheduled to be temporarily suspended the week of December 30th, weather permitting. We then expect to resume liner installation in late March or early April 1997.

The large soil piles are slowly disappearing - most were surcharge piles which are now being used as part of the cover over the cap liner materials. You may also have noticed that some areas of the property, especially along East Main Street, have been brought up to their final elevation - the future level of the property in anticipation of the planned development by Leach Family Holdings, Inc.

Other Cleanup Work

Throughout the winter months, the two gas treatment/solvent storage buildings will be constructed above the cap in the northeast and northwest corners of the property. These prefabricated buildings will be approximately 11 feet high and cover an area measuring 28 feet by 36 feet.

A sub-grade foundation will also be built over the more than 270 steel building support piles driven into the ground in October. This foundation will transmit the weight of the proposed building development to the piles, thus preserving the integrity of the underlying cap liner materials.

Eight of the 16 storm water collection units have been installed - notice the very large black cylinders protruding above ground. This work, as well as installation of the large black storm water collection piping will continue throughout the winter.

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Groundwater Monitoring

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Prospective Purchaser Agreement

After reviewing and addressing all comments received during a 30-day public comment period, EPA recently approved the Prospective Purchaser Agreement with Leach Family Holdings, Inc. The agreement, which became effective on December 6th, formalizes arrangements between EPA and the developer to allow future development of the property to go forward.

Air Testing

Air samples will no longer be tested for the presence of asbestos or polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at the perimeter of the property. This decision was made in consultation with local, state and federal health agencies based on the many months of testing which have revealed no elevated levels of asbestos or PCBs. Testing for total suspended particulates (TSP or dust) is currently expected to continue at the perimeter sampling stations on the property.

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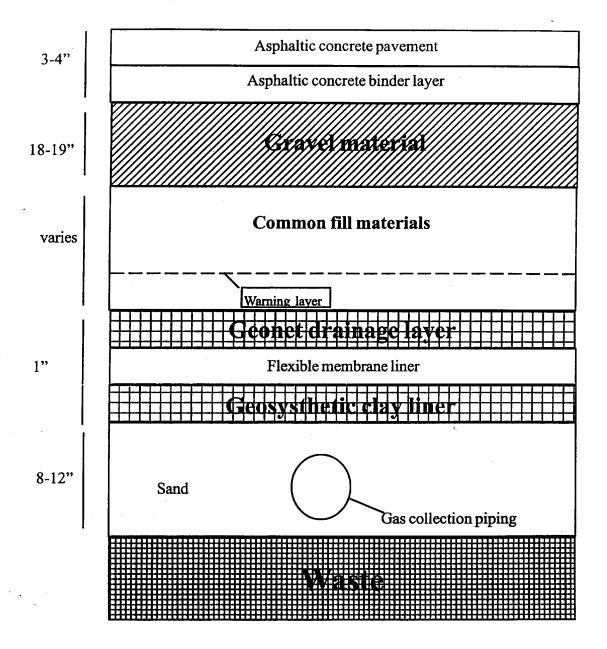
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TYPICAL CAP PROFILE (not to scale)